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SUBJECT: REPORTED WEST-GERMAN/USSR CONTRACT RE SEMICONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY/EQUIPMENT: IL 1564 AND 1355

1) WE HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE WEST GERMAN
FIRM OF INTERMETTAL CONCLUDED A CONTRACT IN LATE JUNE 1976
WITH THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY FOR THE
FURNISHING OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE,
ASSEMBLY, AND TESTING OF MOS/LSI INTEGRATED CIRCUITS. OUR
INFORMATION DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) INDICATE WHETHER THE
CIRCUITS TO BE MANUFACTURED ARE EMBARGOED BY IL 1564 OR
WHETHER THE EQUIPMENT IS EMBARGOED BY IL 1355. WE
NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NOTE 1 TO IL 1564 DOES NOT SANCTION THE
EXPORT OF MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY FOR ANY DEVICE REFERRED
TO IN IL 1564 AND, THEREFORE, WE CONSIDER THE TECHNOLOGY
PART OF THE REPORTED PACKAGE TO BE UNDER COCOM EMBARGO.
THIS REPORT IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION IN A CONTINUOUS
PATTERN OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE A SEMICONDUCTOR
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CAPABILITY BY MEANS ABOVE OR BELOW THE BOARD.

2) INTERMETTAL IS A SUBSIDIARY OF ITT AND AS THE REPORTED CONTRACT COULD WELL INVOLVE US-ORIGIN TECHNOLOGY AND/OR EQUIPMENT WE INTEND TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH ITT. GIVEN OUR CONCERN RE THE STRATEGIC USES OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES,

HOWEVER, USDEL SHOULD INFORM THE GERDEL OF THIS REPORT AND OUR INTENDED APPROACH TO ITT, AND SAY WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION HIS AUTHORITIES COULD GIVE US CONCERNING IT. IF SUCH A TRANSACTION DOES EXIST, WE ASSUME THE GERMANS WILL SUBMIT THE CASE FOR COCOM REVIEW BEFORE EXPORT.

3) FOR EMBASSY BONN: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN WHATEVER INFORMATION IT CAN RE THE REPORTED TRANSACTION THROUGH COMMERCIAL OR OTHER SOURCES. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES SINCE THE APPROACH TO BE MADE BY THE USDEL SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. ROBINSON

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